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| <b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED<br/>EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b><br>Address to:<br>MAIL STOP RCE<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | <i>Application Number</i>   | 10/069,261         |
|  | <i>Filing Date</i>          | August 12, 2002    |
|  | <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Franz Durst et al. |
|  | <i>Art Unit</i>             | 1764               |
|  | <i>Examiner</i>             | A. Neckel          |
|  | <i>Attorney Docket No.</i>  | HMNZ 2 00020       |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief filed on

ii. ☐ Other.

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-Form 1449 and references

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the outstanding Office Action.

c. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.114(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

CLAIMS AS FILED, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ABOVE-INDICATED AMENDMENT(S)

| (1) FOR   | (2) CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT LESS<br>HIGHEST NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (3) NUMBER<br>EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
|---|---|---------------------|----------|------------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))  | 20 - 20 =   | 0                   | x \$50   | = \$0.00         |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))  | 3 - 3 =   | 0                   | x \$200  | = \$0.00         |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS<br>(IF APPLICABLE)<br>(37 CFR 1.16(d))  |   | ANY -- 0            | x \$360  | = \$0.00         |
| APPLICATION SIZE FEE<br>(FOR APPLICATION THAT EXCEEDS<br>100 SHEETS, FEE FOR EACH GROUP<br>OF 50 ADDITIONAL SHEETS) |   | 0 Group(s)          | x \$250  | = \$0.00         |
| BASIC RCE FEE (37 CFR 1.16(a))  |   |                     |          | \$790.00         |
| TOTAL LARGE ENTITY FEE =  |   |                     |          | \$790.00         |

Payment for the filing of this Request for Continued Examination, any appropriate extension of time fees (and if applicable, the search and examination fees) are authorized to be charged to a Credit Card.

The fee(s) is/are being submitted via EFS-Web. If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Respectfully submitted,

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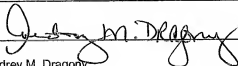
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I hereby certify that this correspondence (and any item referred to herein as being attached or enclosed) is (are) being

- ☐ deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.
- ☒ transmitted to the USPTO by electronic transmission via EFS-Web on the date indicated below.

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Date: February 20, 2007

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